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MINUTES OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPLOITATION OF
FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

24 October 1958

Present: Mr. Royal Wald, State
Mr. Henry Holt, Army
Lt. R. B. Bathurst, Navy
Mr. Frank J. Johnson, Navy
Maj. George Bultrava, Air Force
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Mr. J. J. Eganell, Chairman, CIA

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Consultants: Mr. Max Herlick, State
Lt. E. L. Johnson, Navy
Mr. Elias Rocha, Air Force

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1. The sixth meeting convened at 1400 hours in Room 1121 M
Building. The minutes of the fifth meeting were approved with the
following correction proposed by Mr. Holt:

Page 5, paragraph 5, line 5, should read: "the 1006th AISS
in Colorado...."

2. The Chairman then reviewed action taken on proposals pre-
sented during the Committee review of the USSR nonscientific program.

a. It was proposed that new sections on military manpower
and training be added to the Soviet Military Information Report.

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[] said that the very small amount of manpower information in Soviet sources did not justify a new section; however, such items would be singled out under appropriate titles in the "Miscellaneous" section of the report.

Articles on training would be given similar treatment, first in the "Miscellaneous" section, later in a special "Training" section, if the volume warrants it.

b. It was proposed that the "Complaints" section of the SMR be discontinued.

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[] noted that certain consumers, OGI among them, wanted the "Complaints" section retained. Consequently, the report would continue to provide coverage of the subject.

c. It was requested that the Survey of the Soviet Press be printed on one side of the page only in order to permit clipping the report.

The Chairman remarked that recurring requests for this service had always met with the same response from Printing Services, namely that, should an analyst desire to clip a report, he can be provided with two copies of the report printed on both sides of the page at less cost than with one copy printed on one side of the page only.

d. It was requested that a new report, Summary of USSR Military Journals be produced.

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[] responded that a section has already been added to the SMR, called "Military Publications," which includes brief reviews of the journals. It is believed that this is all that can be done with available manpower.

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e. It was requested that there be increased information on shipbuilding from Leningradskeya Pravda.

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[] reported having found only six pertinent items in the June and July issues of the publication. He proposed to discuss the matter with Mr. Johnson of Navy during the latter's forthcoming visit to FDD.

f. It was proposed that the coverage of editorials in the SMIR be made on a more selective basis.

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[] said that greater selectivity would be exercised in covering editorials but, at the request of certain consumers, at least the titles of all editorials would be given.

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g. [] stated that FDD reporting on USSR forestry has been discontinued.

h. The reporting on foreign trade personnel will be continued at the request of NSA and State Department.

i. The biographic cards project has been expanded to cover the provincial press.

3. Air Force's Comments on the USSR Nonscientific Program

Maj. Kudravetz reported the following comments offered by AFCIN-2 and AFCIN-3.

The Soviet Military Information Report is useful and valuable to Air, but more information is desired on civil defense and military strategy, if available in the press.

The USSR Production of Industrial Equipment report is of value, but would be more useful if organized geographically.

The Transportation, Communications, and Electric Power in the USSR report is of value, but the analysts desire more details, especially on communications.

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Data on USSR Extractive Industries is of value also, but here too, a geographical listing of the industries would be helpful to analysts.

Activities in the Arctic and Antarctic is of value.

Information on Soviet Education would be of more value if secondary education were covered.

Air Force is not interested in the forestry report.

Commenting on the Air Force statements, [] noted the difficulty of achieving a report format satisfactory to all analysts, and said that the reports probably should remain as they are, unless other consumers expressed strong desires for a shift to a geographic breakdown. ORR and other organizations, he said, want industrial and related reports organized on an "industry" or "product" basis.

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The Chairman queried [] concerning the feasibility of expanding the Information on Soviet Education report to cover secondary education. [] replied that it would not be done internally, []

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The Chairman then requested other agencies interested in USSR secondary education to so inform [] of FID.

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4. Review of East European Satellite Program

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Preliminary to his general comments on the East European Satellites exploitation program, Mr. Horlick referred to the reduction in State Department's headquarters staff and the assignment of personnel overseas as factors conditioning the State analysts' utilization of the products of foreign publications exploitation. He noted that headquarters analysts were almost exclusively concerned with current, specific problems, and found little time to read and process the voluminous information reports received, which are clipped and filed by secretaries for later references. He consequently appealed for less bulk, greater speed, and a higher level of reporting in order to

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satisfy the requirements of State's analysts.

The Eastern Europe Press Survey is useful to analysts concerned with Czechoslovakia, and Legal Abstracts: Czechoslovakia is a well-liked publication. Analysts have noted that the CTS reports many translations available which are not received by the Department.

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Analysts on the Rumanian desk have indicated their interest in the provincial press summary and in coverage of the cultural periodicals. It is recommended that selected articles from the handbook "Carnetul Agitatorului" be translated.

Collations based on exploitation of the East German central and provincial press are desired, with all political and sociological reporting organized on a subject basis.

Biographic analysts complain that the bulk of the reports complicates their exploitation of biographic data. Otherwise the flow of such information is gratifying.

ARMY

Mr. Holz reported Army analysts highly satisfied with the Military Report on Eastern Europe, and have no changes to recommend in either the format or the emphasis of the report. The improved coverage of technical information is particularly gratifying, and "trends" reporting is especially valuable. A suggestion was made for the organization of technical data in a separate section, so that analysts might more readily identify information of interest to them. Geographic analysts have recommended closer and more frequent liaison contacts with their counterparts in FDD, and would appreciate telephonic communication or advance copies of information of particular significance.

Mr. Holz reported a continuing need for more information on training, on command relationships, and on standardization of weapons and equipment.

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NAVY

Lt. Bathhurst suggested a commendation for the personnel who produce the Weekly Economic Report on Eastern Europe which Navy analysts consider an outstanding and very useful publication. A more frequent reporting of economic trends would be welcomed in this report. It was

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suggested that editorials might be condensed in form without loss in value. Whenever available, coverage should be afforded information on military budgets, Bulgarian naval podelenie, and Hungarian river guard installations. Exploitation of the GDR publication "AK Voraus" for biographic information is requested.

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Maj. Kudravetz remarked that General Walsh, following a review of the Air Force reporting program, had stated that in the future, (a) fewer reports will be produced, (b) reports will be of better quality, and (c) reports will be in response only to priority requirements. Maj. Kudravetz explained that Air Force had established 29 priority requirements toward which all intelligence collection effort will be directed. In consequence, Air Force will necessarily de-emphasize collection of economic and industrial data and rely more upon FDD [] for such information. He reported Air analysts are satisfied with the present program on Eastern Europe.

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To Maj. Kudravetz' question as to whether it were possible to produce a series of reports on aeromedicine, the Chairman replied that, information on the subject being extremely limited, all available data was reported in the SIR.

The Chairman inquired whether the Committee could assume that the Air Force's exploitation of foreign language publications would now be entirely devoted to fulfillment of the 29 PRI's. Maj. Kudravetz said, "it is."

NSA

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[] stated that NSA analysts are quite satisfied with the Eastern Europe program and have no suggestions for change. He described the Military Report on Eastern Europe as especially useful, and the Weekly Economic Report on Eastern Europe and the Eastern-Europe Press Survey reports to be of much value. []

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CIA

The Chairman, presenting CIA opinion, stated that all reports currently being produced are useful to CIA, and some are considered quite valuable. CIA proposed no changes in the current program, but recommended an effort be made to expedite the receipt and exploitation of the foreign language publications, and the dissemination of the information in reports, especially with respect to the Eastern Europe Press Survey.

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Commenting on the universally expressed interest in concise and timely reporting, the Chairman stated that action had already been taken to return much of the documentary research function to FDD. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Through internal selection of translations to be performed externally, an improvement in the quality and timeliness of reports may be anticipated. It is planned when appropriate to issue such translations in a subject series with the cover title of "Selected Translations on (Subject)."

5. The Chairman then distributed copies of an article which he had written for Intelligence Studies entitled "The Exploitation of Russian Scientific Literature for Intelligence Purposes," and copies of the first report on USSR Materials and Materials Processing Equipment in new format.

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6. [REDACTED] of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications reported that the Index covering the first two weeks materials [REDACTED] which is being prepared on a 90-day experimental basis, is on file in Wing 4 of M Building, Code 143, Extension 4041. The Index will be formally announced next week. It is a cross-referenced index. There is only one copy of reports on the USSR, Eastern Europe, and the Far East during the experimental period.

7. The Committee will meet next on 5 December 1958 in Room 1121 M Building at 1400 hours, at which time a summation of findings on the East European Program and a review of the Far East Program will be conducted.

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